

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

March 12th, 2025

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 12th day of March, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Kraus, County Clerk Copsey. County Engineer Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the February 12th, 2025 meeting minutes. Steckel moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the March 12th, 2025 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Chairman Larson referenced the Open Meeting Laws poster located in the meeting room and advised that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Also present were Dustin Copsey, Laura Kraus, Jennifer Epp, Sheriff Spanel, Deputy Keefe, Ashley Spanel, Jacob Stern.

Kraus moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

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| SALARIES | | \$39,950.46 |
| IN LIEU OF INSURANCE | | \$13,369.61 |
| AFLAC | AFLAC | \$416.15 |
| AMERITAS | EMPE RET | \$2,799.91 |
| IRS | FEDERAL TAXES | \$4,003.80 |
| DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA | HSA FLATWATER | \$714.39 |
| ALLYSON STARR | FEB SNOW SCOOPING | \$100.00 |
| APPEARA | RUGS | \$62.82 |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE | IT SERVICES | \$1,176.00 |
| ASHLEY SPANEL | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| BANKCARD PROC. CENTER | POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/PHONE | \$157.89 |
| CORNER STOP | FUEL | \$238.73 |
| CPPD | ELECTRICITY | \$141.13 |
| CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF | MISC SUPPLIES | \$141.00 |
| DAN OSMOND | INSTALLATION FOR SHERIFF DEPT | \$400.00 |
| DAS STATE ACCOUNTING | NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION | \$150.00 |
| DAVE LARSON | PHONE/MILEAGE | \$107.20 |
| DEB STARR | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| DONNA STECKEL | PHONE/MILEAGE | \$42.80 |
| DUSTIN SPANEL | PHONE/REIMBURSEMENT | \$73.45 |
| EAKES | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$37.99 |
| GLW | EXTENSION AGENT | \$3,767.82 |
| HAMILTON | PHONE/INTERNET | \$416.97 |
| HOMETOWN LEASING | COPY MACHINE LEASE | \$69.06 |
| J&J SANITATION | GARBAGE | \$40.15 |
| JAMIE COPSEY | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| JASON WHITE | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| JD KEEFE | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| JESSICA WORM | FEB/MAR PHONE | \$50.00 |
| KATIE MOON | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| KYLE SHEPARD | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| LAURA KRAUS | EMERGENCY MANAGER | \$250.00 |
| LOUP BASIN RC&D COUNCIL | WEED WATCH PUBLICATION | \$36.04 |
| MICHAEL STARR | JAN SNOW SCOOPING | \$50.00 |

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| MICROFILM | SCANNING EQUIPMENT | \$52.00 |
| MIPS | JURY LIST | \$99.60 |
| SCHAPER & WHITE | SECRETARY SALARY | \$750.00 |
| SUMMER STROHL | PHONE | \$25.00 |
| TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIBRARY | \$1,060.00 |
| THOMSON REUTERS | NE COURT RULES SET | \$766.12 |
| TREVOR KRAUS | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| USPS | POST OFFICE BOX RENT | \$300.00 |
| VILLAGE OF TAYLOR | SEWER | \$49.08 |
| ZANE YOUNG | PHONE/REIMBURSEMENT | \$296.99 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | | \$72,422.16 |

ROAD FUND

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| SALARIES | | \$16,720.04 |
| AMERITAS | EMPE RET | \$1,128.59 |
| IRS | FEDERAL TAXES | \$1,228.20 |
| BANKCARD PROC. CENTER | MISC SUPPLIES | \$73.21 |
| CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| CHUCK SHEPARD | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| CORNER STOP | FUEL | \$2,934.45 |
| CPPD | SHOP ELECTRICITY | \$155.63 |
| DANIEL HARTMAN | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| DUSTIN COPSEY | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| ED SHERBECK | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| GATEWAY MOTORS, INC. | LABOR/REPAIR | \$710.70 |
| GREAT WESTERN GAS | TANK RENT/EQUIPMENT | \$555.83 |
| HAMILTON | PHONE | \$65.21 |
| J&J SANITATION | GARBAGE | \$20.59 |
| JEFFRES | GRAVEL AND HAULING | \$472.92 |
| JOHNNY SCHRODER | PHONE | \$40.00 |
| JORDAN'S AUTO REPAIR | REPAIR | \$1,146.40 |
| JTP, LLC | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$251.25 |
| LOUP COUNTY CLERK | VEHICLE TITLE REGISTRATION | \$10.00 |
| MAVERICK | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$3,933.67 |
| RONNIE L INGRAHAM | LABOR/REPAIR | \$810.00 |
| SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE | SHOP SUPPLIES | \$304.93 |
| SEVEN SPRINGS INC. | WATER FOR SHOP | \$50.50 |
| TOTAL ROAD FUND | | \$30,812.12 |

AMBULANCE FUND

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| CORNER STOP | FUEL | \$93.50 |
| DEARBORN LIFE INSUR CO | INSURANCE | \$24.08 |
| HAMILTON | INTERNET | \$65.21 |
| INSURANCE AID SERVICES | CLERICAL BILLING | \$24.00 |
| VCHS | SUPPLIES | \$15.33 |
| TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND | | \$222.12 |

Kraus moved to allow claims except claim #03202537 due to request for further clarification. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Claim was edited with the amount in question omitted due to need for further clarification. Kraus moved to allow claim #03202537. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road Fund. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 555.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report, fund balances from Treasurer, the Treasurer's tax remaining report, and tax sale report from the Treasurer.

Jennifer Epp, GLW extension educator, met with the Board to discuss the updated Interlocal Agreement between Garfield, Loup, and Wheeler counties. Kraus moved to enter into the updated Interlocal Agreement with Garfield and Wheeler counties. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed the road department building. Kraus moved to put the proposed building out for bid. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to enter into tank lease agreement with Great Western Gas Co. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed the culverts west of town and plans to purchase them.

Laura Kraus discussed dirt and debris pile west of town that may need moved however the Board said this would be a state issue rather than a county issue due to its location.

Sheriff Spanel met with the Board to discuss License Plate Readers. Larson moved to approve the Region 26 grant for the License Plate Readers. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Sheriff Spanel also discussed and presented a list of the Sheriff department's surplus property. Kraus moved to declare said list of sheriff department property as surplus property. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed updates to employee job descriptions for the handbook.

Matt Childress, the relationship manager for our county from Applied Connective met with the Board to discuss updates and services they provide.

Kraus moved to enter into contract with Mainelli Wagner & Associates for 2025 bridge inspections. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

County Engineer Johnson discussed South Lake project and Porcupine bridge updates. He also discussed an upcoming grant project that Mainelli Wagner & Associates would like to put together and the possibility of our county being a part of it.

Kraus moved to increase the wage of the road employee position, currently held by Dan Hartman, by \$2.00/hour. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Dustin Copsey gave road department update. Copsey and the Board discussed the need for gravel retrieval attachment.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

s/ David Larson, Chairman of the Loup
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk